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San Francisco, at 8 o'clock on the evenings of December 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Dr. Alonzo Taylor was sent abroad under the auspices of the American Minister to make a scientific study of the care of the Allied prisoners in Germany. His reports were published by the British government in 1916 and 1917. At that time he was particularly interested in the food problems associated with nutrition of a people at war. Upon our entrance into the war he was one of the first men taken in by Mr. Hoover in the organization of the Food Administration. His particular problem was to coordinate the efforts of the Department of Agriculture and those of the newly established Food Administration. He was a member of the Committee on Research and on Public Health of the Food Administration and also a member of the commission sent abroad by this country to study the alimentation problems of the Allied nations. Subsequently he was the representative of the Department of Agriculture upon the War Trade Board. He made two different trips to Europe studying conditions there and since the armistice has been the representative of the Food Administration and the American Relief Administration particularly in the Balkan countries.

Dr. Taylor has written a series of articles dealing with various aspects of the war, particularly for the *Saturday Evening Post*. He is the author of a book on "War Bread" and with Dr. Kellogg published a book on "The Food Problem."

DINNER IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR CHAMBERLIN

A DINNER in honor of Dr. Thomas Chrowder Chamberlin was given at the Chicago Beach Hotel, on September 27. The dinner was occasioned by the retiring to become professor emeritus of Professor Chamberlin from the headship of the department of geology in order that he might devote himself to the research in which he is interested. The date of the dinner was felicitous in that it was within a few days of Professor Chamberlin's seventy-seven birthday.

About fifty people, almost solely former

students and intimate colleagues of the guest of honor, were present. Dr. G. F. Kay, of the University of Iowa, acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by Dean Rollin D. Salisbury, of the University of Chicago, Dr. C. K. Leith, of the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. F. R. Moulton and President Judson, both of the University of Chicago. At the end of the dinner, the toastmaster handed to Dr. Chamberlin a great number of congratulatory telegrams from friends all over the world.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MR. GEORGE H. ASHLEY, of the U. S. Geological Survey, has been appointed state geologist of Pennsylvania.

DR. SAMUEL A. TUCKER, formerly professor of electrochemistry at Columbia University, who served as major in the Chemical Warfare Service, has been appointed chief chemist for the Chemical Foundation, Inc.

DR. CHARLES L. PARSONS has resigned from the Bureau of Mines in order to give more time to the work of the secretaryship of the American Chemical Society. He will also undertake a limited amount of private consulting work.

DR. ARTHUR F. BUDINGTON, of Brown University, and Dr. Ralph W. G. Wyckoff, of Cornell University, have become members of the staff of the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution.

DR. ALBERT MANN, of Washington, D. C., has recently left the Department of Agriculture to accept a position with the Carnegie Institution of Washington. A recognition of the growing economic importance of the diatoms led the National Research Council to advise that plans be made to finance a thorough study of these aquatic plants. The Carnegie Institution received the suggestion favorably and Dr. Mann was invited to take up the work. His laboratory and office are located in the National Museum.

DR. CHRISTIAN R. HOLMES, dean of the medical college of the University of Cincinnati, has announced his intention of retiring from